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SUBJ: OCTOBER 1975 NATO TOUR FOR NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS

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SUMMARY: OCTOBER 8-15 VISIT BY FIVE KEY NORWEGIAN
PARLIAMENTARIANS TO NATO, SHAPE, USS JFKENNEDY IN NED,
SIXTHFLT AND AFSOUTH PROVIDED FIRSTHAND DIALOGUE ON ISSUES
AND POSSIBLE ANSWERS AS WELL AS IMPRESSIVE CLOSE-UP OF
FORCES INVOLVED. TOUR WAS ANOTHER IN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL
SERIES JOINTLY SPONSORED BY USIS OSLO AND USIS/USNATO
AN IN CORPORATING PARTICIPATION SHAPE, AFSOUTH, CINCSOUTH,
COMSIXTHFLT, CTF 60 AND USS JFKENNEDY. THIS COLLECTIVE
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EFFORT CONTRIBUTION IMMENSELY TO WHAT HAS BECOME PRIORITY

PROGRAMMING VEHICLE THIS POST. INVITATIONS REGARDED VERY
HIGHLY AND LASTING IMPRESSION DECIDEDLY FAVORABLE.
END SUMMARY.

NATO STAFF PRESENTED INSIGHTS ON "EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND
POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS IN NATO," AS WELL AS COMMENT ON
"NATO DEFENSE PLANNING AND POLICY". RELATED ENLIGHTENMENT
DWELLED ON PLUSES AND MINUSES OF CSCE , MOUNTING USSR INVEST-
MENT IN RESEARCH AND EQUIPMENT (PARTICULARLY SOVIET NAVAL
EXPANSION), NATO'S PURSUIT REASONABLE BALANCE OF FORCES,
AND INEVITABLY, SPAIN. CANDID QUALITY COMMENT BY SECGEN
LUNS PROVIDED HIGH POINT FIRST DAY. PARTICIPATION BY
NORWEGIAN NATO AMB. AND DELEGATION EXSPECIALLY WELCOME.
SHAPE BRIEFING COMPLIMENTED AND UNDER LINED NATO PRESENT-
ATION WITH SESSIONS DEVOTED TO "STRATEGY AN DPLANNING AND
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS," WLABORATED UPON AND ADDED TO BY
GEN HAIG(SACEUR) IN UNIQUE AND VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY
PROVIDE GROUP. PARTICIPATION NROWEGIAN SHAPE REPS BOTH
IMPORTANT AND APPRECIATED.

VISIT TO USS JFKENNEDY ON STATION IN MED UNUSUALLY EFFECTIVE
MIRRORING OF REALITIES. FACT PARLIAMENTARYIAN VISIT ON BOARD
COINCIDENT WITH ASST. SEC. NAVY JLBOWERS AND PARTY UNEXPECTED
ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE POINTS OF
VIEW. BRIEFINGS BY CTF 60 AND STAFF PLUS FIRSTHAND OBSERVATION
CARRIER AND CREW IN ACTION UNPARALLELED EXPERIENCED. WELCOME
ABOARD AND HOSPITALITY OF BONUS PROPORTION.

CINCSOUTH AND COMSIXTHFLT WRAP-UP EXCELLENT SUMMARIZATION
IN CONTEXT OVER-ALL PURPOSE VISIT, AND OFFERED ANOTHER
GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION NATO COORDINATION. CINCSOUTH IMPRESSED
NORWEGIANS WITH BROAD DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL ISISION, IN
ADDITION TO MILITARY EXPERTISE. COMSIXTHFLT VIVIDLY
DRAMATIZED EXTENT AND SIGNIFICANCE SOVIET SOUTHERN FLANK
NAVAL THREAT ANDITS RELATIONSHIP TO VOERALL STRATEGIC
PICTURE. BOTH WEERE EXCELLENT IN BRINGING HOME TO NORWEGIANS
HOW VITALLY SOUTHERN FLANK SITUATION AFFECTS CENTRAL AND
NORTHERN EUROPE.

PARTICIPANTS WERE:
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A. OTTAR GRAVAAS, SECRETARY STORTING DEFENSE COMMITTEE,
DEPUTY WHIP CHRISTIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY STORTING GROUP.

B. ARNT HAGEN, MEMBER STORTING EXTENDED FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE, MEMBER CENTER PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, VICE
CHAIRMAN PARTY PARLIAMENTARY STEERING GROUP. ACTIVE LOCAL
POLITICS MOLDE, ELECTED STORTING 1965. MEMBER NORWAY'S
UN DLELGATION IN 1966 AND 1970.

C. HARALD LIED, MEMBER CONSERVATIVE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
LONG ACTIVE LOCAL, PRIVINCIAL POLITICS OPPLAND AREA, INCLUDING
CHAIRMAN OPPLAND CONSERVATIVE PARTY. ELECTED STORTING 1973.

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EXTENDED FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN CHAIRMAN STORTING'S
STANDING COMMITTEE, ALTERNATE STORTING REPRESENTATIVE ON
NORDIC COUNCIL, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SINCE 1958, FULL MEMBER
LABOR PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

E. KIRSTEN MYKLEVOLL, MEMBER LABOR PARTY STORTING GROUP
STEERING COMMITTEE, ALTERNATE STORTING REPRESENTATIVE ON
NORDIC COUNCIL, ALTERNATE MEMBER OF LABOR PARTY CENTRAL
COMMITTEE.

U.S. EMBASSY ESCORTS: COUNSELOR FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS, LABOR

ATTACHE.

VISIT OBJECTIVE TO SUPPORT POST CONTINUING EFFORTS RE-
INFORCE BELIEF NATO STRENGTH REMAINS ESSENTIAL TO NORWEGIAN
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SECURITY AND POINT OUT ATLANTIC SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE
SECURITY IS CHEIF INSTRUMENT FOR MAINTIANING PEACE IN
EUROPE AND ACHEIVING EAST-WEST DETENTE MOE THAN MET.
IT WAS UNQUALIFIED SUCCESSAND POST EXTENDS THANKS ALL
CONCERNED.
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